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RUMANIAN SUPPORT COMMUNIQUE

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(COMMUNIQUE ON TODAY'S PLENARY SESSION OF THE LEADING PUMANIAN BODIES, READ BY PAUL NICULESCU-MIZIL AT THE PUBLIC MASS MEETING HELD IN BUCHAREST --LIVE)

(TEXT) DEAR COMRADES, THE PLENARY SESSION OF THE PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE, THE STATE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNMENT, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEADERSHIPS OF CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS --TRADE UNIONS, THE YOUTH, THE WOMEN, AND THE CREATIVE UNIONS --HAVE UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO EXPRESS THEIR FULL SOLIDARITY WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE AND WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY. (PROLONGED APPLAUSE, OVATIONS, AND CHANTING)

I WOULD NOW LIKE YOU TO FIRST LISTEN TO THE COMMUNIQUE ON THE PLENARY SESSION: (COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWS--ED)

ON 21 AUGUST 1968 A JOINT SESSION OF THE
RUMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, OF THE STATE COUNCIL, AND
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF RUMANIA WAS HELD.
IN ADDITION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, THE
STATE COUNCIL, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST PEPUBLIC OF
RUMANIA, THE PLENARY SESSION WAS ATTENDED BY THE LEADERS OF THE
TRADE UNIONS, YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS,
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS, AND AKTIVISTS WITH RESPONSIBLE STATE AND
PARTY JOBS. COMRADE NICOLAE CEAUSESCU REPORTED ABOUT THE PARTICULARLY
GRAVE SITUATION CREATED AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE PENETRATION OF THE
ARMED FORCES OF SOME SOCIALIST COUNTRIES INTO THE CZECHOSLOVAK
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC AND PRESENTED THE CONCLUSIONS WHICH WERE REACHED
BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND BY
THE PRESIDIUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN THIS CONNECTION.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, THE STATE COUNCIL, AND THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAVE UNANIMOUSLY EXPRESSED THEIR PROFOUND CONCERN OVER THIS ACT, STRESSING THAT IT REPRESENTS A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY OF A FRATERNAL, SOCIALIST, FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATE, OF THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH RELATIONS BETWEEN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ARE BASED, OF THE UNANIMOUSLY RECOGNIZED NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

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NOTHING CAN JUSTIFY THIS ARMED ACTION -- THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY THE TROOPS OF THESE COUNTRIES. THE INTERFERENCEN IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE AND OF THEIR COMMUNIST PARTY, THE ARMED INTERVENTION AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA, REPRESENTS A GRAVE BLOW FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITY OF THE WORLD SOCIALIST SYSTEM, FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST AND WORKEPS MOVEMENT, FOR THE PRESTIGE OF SOCIALISM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND FOR THE CAUSE OF PEACE.

THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT, ALL OUR PEOPLE, EXPRESS THEIR CONVICTION THAT THE ONLY ROAD FOR THE LIQUIDATION OF THE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES CREATED BY THE ARMED INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS THE SPEEDY WITHDRAWAL OF THE TROOPS OF THE FIVE COUNTRIES, THE INSURING OF THE CONDITIONS FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE TO SOLVE FOR THEMSELVES THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS WITHOUT ANY OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE. (APPLAUSE AND OVATIONS)

THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT, ALL OUR PEOPLE, MANIFEST ON THIS OCCASION, TOO, ALL THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE FRATERNAL CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE AND WITH THEIR COMMUNIST PARTY AND EXPRESS THEIR CONVICTION THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK WORKERS CLASS, THE CZECHOSLOVAK INTELLIGENTSIA, PEASANTRY, THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND ITS LEADERSHIP ELECTED BY THE PARTY, THE LEGAL BODIES OF LEADERSHIP OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK STATE WILL SUCCESSFULLY SOLVE ALL THE PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH THE MARCH FORWARD OF THE SOCIALIST BUILDING IN THE FRATERNAL CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC. (APPLAUSE)

THE PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE, THE STATE COUNCIL, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF RUMANIA HAVE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ACTIVITY OF THE PRESIDIUM AND OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE DIRECTED TOWARD THE PROMOTION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, MONINTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND MUTUAL RESPECT, THE STRENGTHENING ON THIS BASIS OF THE UNITY OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, OF THE COMMUNIST AND WORKERS PARTIES, AND OF ALL ANTI-IMPERIALIST FORCES.

THE MEASURES PROPOSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO INSURE THE PEACEFUL, CREATIVE WORK OF THE RUMANIAN PEOPLE, BUILDERS OF SOCIALISM, THE INDEPENDENCE, AND SOVEREIGNTY OF OUR FATHERLAND. WERE ALSO APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. (APPLAUSE, OVATIONS, AND CHANTING OF SLOGANS) IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO CONVOKE FOR TOMORROW, 22 AUGUST, THE GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF RUMANIA IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION. (APPLAUSE AND OVATIONS)

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